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SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN CONFERENCE IN TAMPA, JUNE 23-24

1. ARA AND SEVERAL ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FLORIDA/TAMPA BAY AREA ARE CO-SPONSORING A TRADE, BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC POLICY CONFERENCE ON JUNE 23-24 IN TAMPA. WE EXPECT SOME 300 U.S. PARTICIPANTS. THE CO-SPONSORS HAVE INVITED A NUMBER OF CARIBBEAN GOVERNMENT, BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC LEADERS TO PARTICIPATE IN PANELS. SOME OF THESE KEY INVITEES ARE LISTED BELOW. WE WOULD APPRECIATE AN EFFORT BY THE RESPECTIVE POSTS TO FOLLOW UP AND ENDORSE THE LETTERS OF INVITATION WHICH WENT OUT A FEW DAYS AGO.

2. SINCE THE CO-SPONSORS WISH TO PRINT UP A PROGRAM WITHIN 10 DAYS WHICH WILL INCLUDE AS MANY PARTICIPANTS AS POSSIBLE, YOU ARE REQUESTED TO EITHER CABLE OR
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TELEPHONE THE RESULTS OF YOUR FOLLOW UP TO YOUR RESPECTIVE COUNTRY DESKS.

3. JAMAICA

G. ARTHUR BROWN, GOVERNOR, BANK OF JAMAICA

NORMAN, GIRVAN, DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY

4. TRINIDAD/TOBAGO

MERVYN DE SOUZA, MINISTRY OF FINANCE

ERROL E. MAHABIR, MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND MINES

5. GUYANA

FRANKLIN E. HOPE, MINISTER OF FINANCE

ALISTER MCINTYRE, SECRETARY GENERAL, CARICOM

REGINALD PIERCE, CARIBBEAN RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

6. BARBADOS

WILLIAM G. DEMAS, PRESIDENT, CARIBBEAN DEVELOPMENT BANK

7. BAHAMAS

SINCLAIR OUTTEN, CHAIRMAN, BAHAMAS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

8. LETTER OF INVITATION QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:

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9. THE INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL AND ECONOMIC CENTER OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA, THE BUREAU OF INTER AMERICAN AFFAIRS OF THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT, THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, AND A NUMBER OF DISTINGUISHED CO-SPONSORS IN THE BUSINESS AND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY ARE HOLDING A CONFERENCE ON CARIBBEAN TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT ISSUES TO TAKE PLACE IN TAMPA, JUNE 23-24. WE ARE EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO LEADING PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENTAL SECTOR REPRESENTATIVES INCLUDING CARIBBEAN HEAD OF STATE WHO CAN BEST CONTRIBUTE TO USEFUL DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES INVOLVED. WE INVITE YOU TO PARTICIPATE AT THIS CONFERENCE AS A SPEAKER.

10. THE AGENDA FOR THE 2 DAY CONFERENCE WILL INCLUDE PLENARY AND PANEL SESSIONS COVERING SUCH ISSUES AS INVESTMENT, IMPORT/EXPORT POSSIBILITIES, FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS, AND POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC TRENDS IN THE CARIBBEAN. OVER 300 PARTICIPANTS ARE EXPECTED FROM THROUGHOUT THE U.S. AND CARIBBEAN NATIONS.

11. AMBASSADOR TERENCE TODMAN, ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTER-AMERICAN AFFAIRS HAS AGREED TO GIVE THE OPENING ADDRESS. LT. GOVERNOR MERVYN DYMALLY OF CALIFORNIA AND SENATOR LAWTON CHILES OF FLORIDA HAVE ALSO BEEN INVITED TO DELIVER LUNCHEON SPEECHES. WE ANTICIPATE THAT BOTH THE PANELISTS AND CONFERENCE REGISTRANTS WILL REPRESENT THE TOP LEVEL OF LEADERSHIP IN BOTH THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS REGARDING MATTERS AFFECTING CARIBBEAN TRADE, BUSINESS AND DEVELOPMENT.

12. WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO AN OUTSTANDING CONFERENCE AND ARE HOPING YOU WILL GIVE OUR INVITATION FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION.

RESPECTIVELY,
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
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